

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TYLER DIVISION**

SHALONDA MORRISON,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	Case No. 6:24-cv-411-JDK
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COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL	§	
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Plaintiff Shalonda Morrison filed this appeal from a final administrative decision of the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration denying an application for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. The case was referred to United States Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell. On May 1, 2025, the Court reversed the Commissioner’s final administrative decision and remanded the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings.

On May 7, 2025, Judge Mitchell issued a Report recommending that the Court grant the unopposed motion for award of attorney fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) (Docket No. 17) and award Plaintiff \$7,118.64 in fees. Docket No. 18. No objections have been filed.


This Court reviews the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge de novo only if a party objects within fourteen days of service of the Report and Recommendation. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In conducting a de novo review, the Court

examines the entire record and makes an independent assessment under the law. *Douglass v. United Servs. Auto. Ass'n*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc), *superseded on other grounds by statute*, 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) (extending the time to file objections from ten to fourteen days).

Here, the parties did not object in the prescribed period. The Court therefore reviews the Magistrate Judge's findings for clear error or abuse of discretion and reviews the legal conclusions to determine whether they are contrary to law. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989) (holding that the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law" if no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed). Having reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report and the record in this case, the Court finds no clear error or abuse of discretion and no conclusions contrary to law.

Accordingly, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (Docket No. 18) as the findings of this Court. The motion for EAJA fees (Docket No. 17) is **GRANTED**. The Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff for fees incurred totaling \$7,118.64 pursuant to the EAJA, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), with the funds payable to Plaintiff and forwarded to Plaintiff through her attorney of record. The awarded fees consist only of attorney fees and do not include any amount for costs.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **2nd** day of **June, 2025**.

  
JEREMY D. KERNODLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE